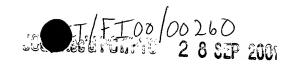
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above U.S. national phase application of PCT/FI00/000260, filed concurrently herewith, please enter the following amendments thereto:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-3, 12 and 13.

Please amend claims 4, 7, 8 and 11 as shown on the following pages.

Marked-up copies of the original text of the amended claims are attached. Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by brackets.